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SUBJ: THE GERMAN CONNECTION

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SOUTH AFRICAN AND LESOTHO PRESS HAVE RECENTLY CARRIED REPORT THAT EXPERTS PROVIDED BY KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION IN LESOTHO ADVISED PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN IN 1970 THAT HE SHOULD DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY, SUSPEND CONSTITUTION, AND ARREST OPPOSITION BASUTOLAND CONGRESS PARTY LEADERS WHEN IT CLEAR THEIR PARTY HAD WON 1970 ELECTIONS.

2. CAT SAID TO HAVE BEEN LET OUT OF BAG BY A DR. J.L. ESTRUP AND STORY NAMES A DR. O. BAMHAUER, LAWYER, AS CHAIRMAN OF ADENAUER FOUNDATION GROUP IN LESOTHO WHO ADVISED JONATHAN. STORY ALSO HOLDS THAT ADENAUER FOUNDATION AID USED TO TRAIN YOUTH LEAGUE OF JONATHAN'S BASUTOLAND NATIONAL PARTY WHICH LATER PUT TO USE IN REPRISALS AGAINST CITIZENS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST JONATHAN'S USURPATION OF POWER.

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EM COMMENT. TRUTH OF THIS TALE STILL IN QUESTION AND
EVEN IF STORY ACCURATE IT SHOULD BE OF NO MORE THAN HISTORICAL
INTEREST. CONVENTIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF 1970 ELECTION IS
THAT JONATHAN CAST ABOUT FOR ADVICE WHEN IT CLEAR HE WAS
LOSING. SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SAID TO HAVE
TOLD HIM HE WOULD HAVE TO STEP ASIDE AND THIS SEEMS TO HAVE
AGREED WITH JONATHAN'S ORIGINAL THINKING. OTHER LEADERS IN
JONATHAN'S PARTY, HOWEVER, STRONGLY PRESSURED HIM TO REMAIN
IN POWER BY ANY MEANS. IT POSSIBLE ADENAUER FOUNDATION
EXPERTS MAY HAVE INNOCENTLY POINTED OUT HOW THIS COULD BE
DONE. HAUGHT

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